

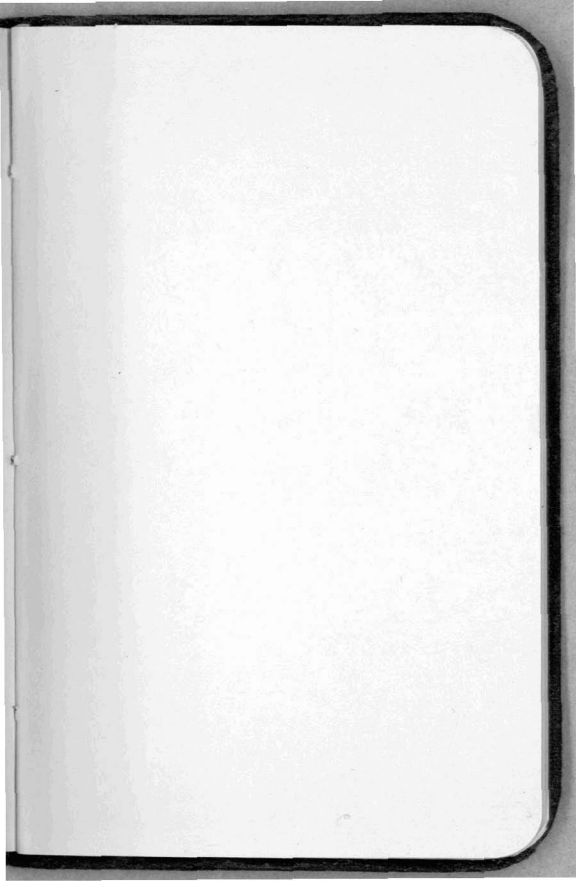
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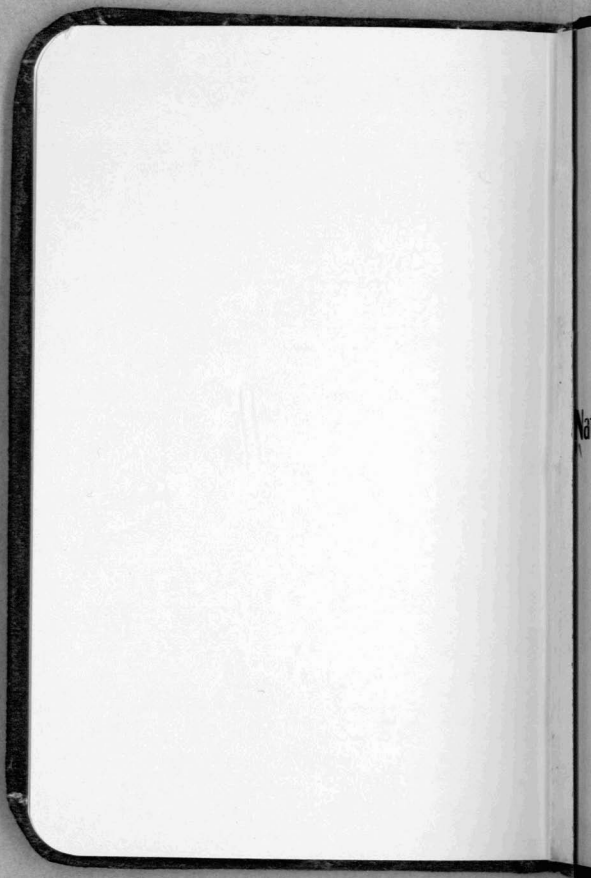
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Adopted at the City of New York, Feb. 22, 1905

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of the Association shall be
"THE NATIONAL BOOT AND SHOE MAN-
UFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE UNI-
TED STATES."

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Association shall
be to foster the boot and shoe trade, and
the interests of those persons, firms and
corporations engaged in the manufacture
and sale at wholesale of boots and shoes
in the United States of America; to re-
form abuses relative thereto, to secure
freedom from unjust or unlawful exac-
tions, to diffuse accurate and reliable
information as to the standing of mer-

chants and other matters, to procure uniformity and certainty in the customs and usages of said business, to settle differences between its members, and to promote a more enlarged and friendly intercourse between them.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1—ELIGIBILITY. Any individual, co-partnership or corporation engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes in the United States shall be eligible to membership.

Sec. 2—APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP. Application for membership shall be in writing signed by applicant, addressed to the secretary hereof, pledging that the applicant will abide by the Constitution, rules and resolutions of this Association and of its duly authorized committees. Such application shall further state, if the applicant be a corporation, the names of the officers thereof, and if a firm, its composition, who shall be the representative herein of the firm or corporation, and place of business.

Sec. 3—ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION. Upon receiving an application for membership, the Secretary shall at once communicate the same to the Executive

Committee, or in case it shall not be in session at the time or within thirty days thereafter, by mail to the individuals composing the same, for action; and, if a majority thereof shall advise acceptance, the applicant or applicants shall be considered elected upon payment of admission fees, and by signing the Constitution.

Sec. 4—WITHDRAWALS. Any member wishing to withdraw from this Association may do so by giving notice to the Secretary in writing, and by paying all arrears of dues and assessments to the Association.

Sec. 5—FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP. Default in the payment of annual dues for ninety days after the same are due and payable, shall operate as a forfeiture of membership.

Sec. 6—FORFEITURE OF BENEFITS. In all cases of violation of the provisions of this Constitution, or of the refusal or neglect to obey or comply with any resolution, order or direction of the Association, or of a Committee, or the commission of an act detrimental or prejudicial to the Association, or to a member thereof, a member may be fined or suspended from his rights and privileges as a

member, or expelled from the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Executive Committee, but only after the member accused has been summoned or had an opportunity for hearing and trial given by and before the said Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Sec. 1—OFFICERS. The officers of this Association shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Treasurer.

Sec. 2—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The President, two Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer, together with twenty-seven members of the Association, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, ETC.

SECTION 1—ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICERS. The officers, no two of whom shall be from the same city, shall be elected at the annual convention, and enter upon the performance of their duties immediately after the adjournment of the convention at which they are elected, and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

Sec. 2—THE ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE OF 27 MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Upon the adoption of this Constitution, there shall be elected twenty-seven members of the Executive Committee, as follows: Nine members for one year; nine members for two years; nine members for three years; and at all Annual Conventions of this Association their successors, as their terms expire, shall be elected for a term of three years.

Sec. 3—SECRETARY. There shall be elected at each Annual Convention of this Association a Secretary, who need not be a member of the Association, and who shall receive such compensation as the Executive Committee shall from time to time determine.

Sec. 4—VACANCIES. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in its own membership, or among the officers of the Association.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1—PRESIDENT. The President shall have the general supervision of the affairs of the Association, shall preside at all Conventions, and at the

meetings of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the Legislative Committee, and be a member ex-officio thereof, and countersign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer for the payment of money.

Sec. 2—VICE-PRESIDENTS. The Vice-Presidents shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform his duties.

Sec. 3—THE TREASURER. The Treasurer shall be the fiscal officer of the Association, shall have possession of all of the funds and pay all bills of the Association, upon the approval of the President. He shall keep such books as are necessary to show the receipts and disbursements of moneys, and render an account of his proceedings to the Annual Convention of the Association; he shall provide a surety bond at the expense of the Association, and in such amount as shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4—THE SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep records of all Conventions of this Association, and meetings of the Executive Committee and other Committees, and render such services as may be proper for the good of the Association,

under the direction, at all times, of the President and Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1—POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Executive Committee shall have absolute and complete power to do any and all acts in furtherance of the purposes and objects of the Association, and carry into effect all resolutions and recommendations of the Association, unless otherwise ordered by it. It shall have plenary powers to take such measures as shall produce uniformity and certainty in the customs and usages of the boot and shoe trade, reform abuses, particularly relating to unjust cancellations of orders and return of goods, secure freedom from unjust and unlawful exactions, and acquire, preserve, and disseminate accurate and reliable information relating to the trade.

Sec. 2 — LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. Forthwith, upon the election of the Executive Committee, the President shall appoint a Legislative Committee consisting of five members, which shall have jurisdiction in all matters relating to legislation affecting the boot and shoe

trade, subject, however, to the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS.

SECTION 1 — CONVENTIONS. Annual Conventions of the Association shall be held at the City of New York on the legal Washington's Birthday in each year, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and at such place in said city as may be designated by the Executive Committee. Thirty and fifteen days notices of such Convention shall be given by the Secretary, by mail.

Special Conventions shall be called by the President at any time upon the order of the Executive Committee, or upon the written demand of twenty-five members. When a Special Convention has been ordered by the Executive Committee, it shall also fix the time of such meeting. When a Special Convention shall be called in pursuance of a demand by the members, the President shall fix the time for the same not more than thirty days from the receipt by him of such demand. Fifteen days notice of such special convention shall be given by the Secretary.

Sec. 2—MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held each year immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Convention of the Association. Special meetings may be called by the President, and must be called by the Secretary, upon the request of a majority of the Executive Committee, to be held at such time and place as they may determine. At least ten days notice of the time and place of holding special meetings shall be given by the Secretary. Necessary expenses of the Executive Committee incident to attendance at special meetings shall be paid by the Association.

Sec. 3—QUORUMS. The presence of at least ten per cent., or not less than fifty of all the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. At all meetings of the Executive Committee a majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 4—VOTING BY MAIL. The Executive Committee may take any action and adopt any resolution, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, by a vote by mail, which shall proceed in the following manner: A member who

wishes to move a resolution shall place a copy thereof in the hands of the Secretary, who shall forthwith mail a copy of the same to each of the members of the Executive Committee, addressed to his business address; if, within fifteen days after such mailing, the Secretary shall receive back sixteen copies of such proposed resolution endorsed with the approval of a member, then such resolution shall stand as the act of the Executive Committee. Any committee may adopt a resolution or act, in a similar manner. A proposed resolution cannot be amended upon a vote by mail.

Sec. 5—VOTING BY PROXY. At any Convention of the Association any member who is prevented for any reason from attending such Convention, may be represented thereat by proxy, which said proxy shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary; provided, however, that no one member shall represent more than one proxy.

ARTICLE IX.

FUNDS.

SECTION 1—MEMBERSHIP FEES. Each member shall pay into the Treasury of this Association for the privilege of

membership a membership fee of twenty-five dollars.

Sec. 2—DUES. Each member shall pay into the Treasury of this Association the sum of fifty dollars as annual dues, payable semi-annually, on the first days of February and August of each year.

Sec. 3—ASSESSMENTS. Whenever the Association shall be in need of funds, money may be raised by an assessment upon the members of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4 — PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS. Assessments shall become due and payable after fifteen days notification thereof; and such notification shall be complete upon the mailing of a notice in writing by the Secretary, addressed to the members.

ARTICLE X.

BY-LAWS.

By-Laws not inconsistent with this Constitution may be adopted by the Executive Committee, and such by-laws shall be of equal force as this Constitution.

ARTICLE XI.

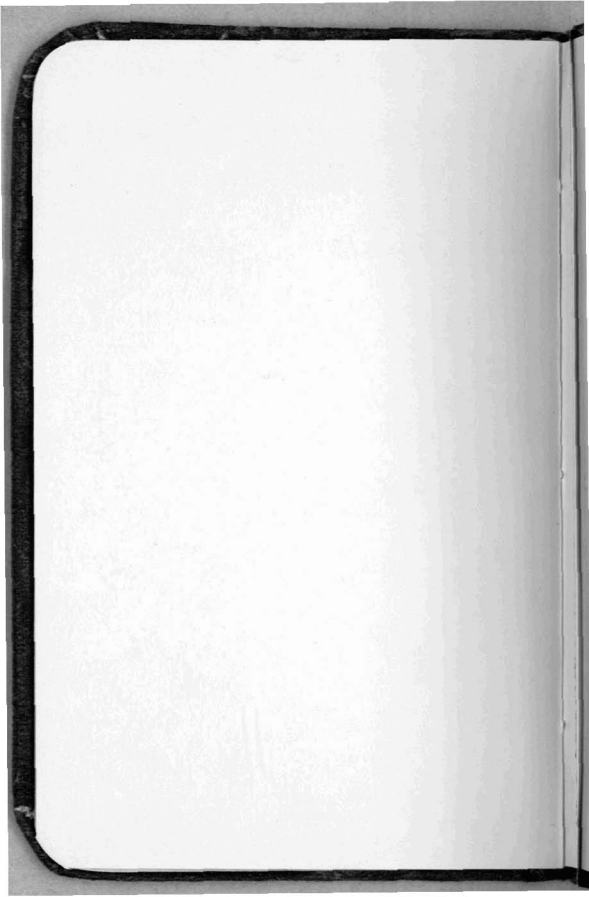
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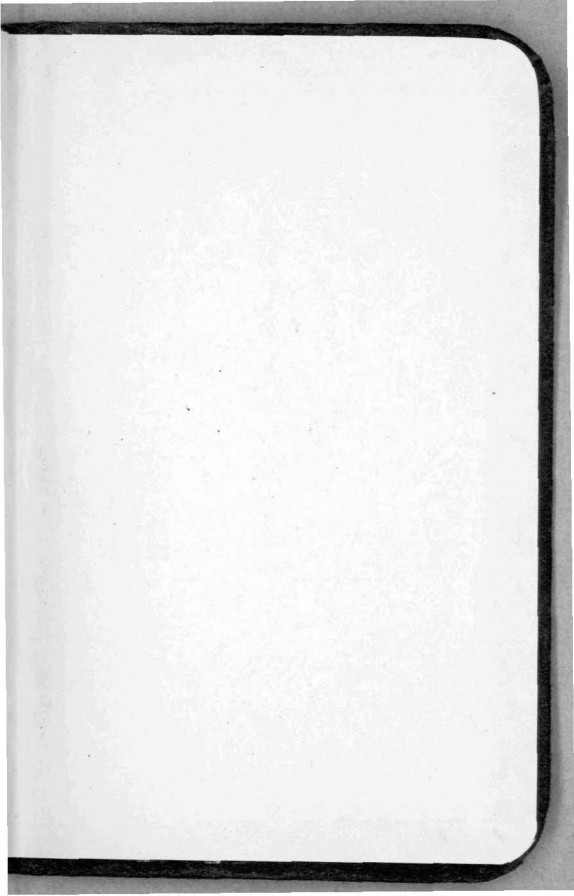
This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members present and voting at any Annual Convention of this Association, provided that notice of the proposed amendment, in writing, has been mailed to each member at least fifteen days prior to the date of the Convention; or, if no notice of the proposed change has been given, any amendment may be adopted at any Convention by the four-fifths vote of all the members present.

Order of Business of Convention

1. Calling to order by the President.
2. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
3. Recess.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Roll Call.
6. Reading of Minutes of last Convention.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Appointment of Committees on Resolutions and to nominate Officers and Members of Executive Committee.
9. Reports of Standing Committees.
10. Reports of Special Committees.
11. Unfinished business.
12. New business.
13. Election of Officers.
14. Election of Executive Committee.
15. Adjournment.







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